

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

9643 Brookline Ave., Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

MINUTES

John Johnston III called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., August 11, 2015.

He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: John Johnston, Arthur Johnson, William Finley, William Meaney, Lloyd Hoover, and Todd Perry, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel. Mag Lockhart, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Absent: Madhurendu Kumar, Kelli Hardesty, and Daisy Pate, Board Members. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 07/14/2015 were reviewed. Motion made by Perry, Seconded by Meaney. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2015. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Perry, seconded by Meaney. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Johnson read the numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee for a Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license as follows: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 56, 57, and 58 of the Licensing Review Committee List for August 11, 2015. Perry motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Meaney. Motion carried unanimously. Johnson recommended a meeting of the Application Review Committee following today's board meeting.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Office Committee – McNicholas will be attending the Secretary of State's records management training the afternoon of the 16th and the morning of the 17th of September. Auditors report should be available by the end of August. LBOPG Rules state that there is a 60-day grace period so motion carried for 10-day grace period at the last meeting needs to be rescinded. Johnson suggested that this be done under New Business later in today's meeting. McNicholas requested that those Board members whose licenses were approved before the database was established, input the information they provided into the database. Raise for Assistant Executive Secretary was tabled. Perry suggested that it be discussed in Executive Session at the next meeting. Graham said that Executive Sessions were only for certain topics. This will be put on September's board meeting agenda.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Graham requested that the motion made at the July 14th meeting creating a 10-day grace period be rescinded because the rules provide for a 60-day grace period. Perry made a motion to rescind the previous

motion establishing a 10-day grace period. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – Johnston presented a proposed list of geoscience specific work tasks as 1.) one to be used when reviewing applications; and 2.) one to be put on website for guidance when selecting continuing education programs. Discussion ensued. Board recessed for 10 minutes. Johnston called meeting to reconvene. Discussion of proposed list of geoscience specific work tasks and its purpose continued. Determined that the proposed list be used as an internal resource at this time.

Continuing Education – Finley presented language from the Act Sec. 711.21 and from the Rules – Continuing Education Program (CEP). Discussion ensued. It was determined that a Continuing Education Committee will be established before auditing of continuing education commences. Discussion ensued regarding the use of terms “continuing professional development”, “continuing education”, “professional development hours” and “continuing education units”. Determined that the Acknowledgment be revised to read “14 hours of geoscience professional development and 1 hour of Ethics training” instead of “14 hours of geoscience continuing education and 1 hour of Ethics training”.

Comity/Reciprocity – Finley stated that McNicholas completed the list of states comity/reciprocity. Finley has reviewed it and will compile information for the Board. Discussion ensued concerning comity/reciprocity in general.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Meaney motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnston adjourned meeting at 3:00 p.m.